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On January 16, 2018, just after 12:00 noon, West Valley City Police and Fire personnel responded to 4635 South 2890 West on a report of an unconscious child. The child was transported via medical helicopter to the hospital. Despite medical efforts at the scene and by hospital staff, the child did not survive. The child has been identified as 21-month-old Jaycieion Sanchez.

The child had been in his home with a sibling and a babysitter. Investigating officers observed multiple visible injuries that were not consistent with statements given by the babysitter regarding the circumstances of the child's death. Homicide Investigators responded to conduct an investigation into the death. A search warrant was authored and a search of the residence was conducted.

The babysitter, the child's mother, and the child's grandmother were questioned by police. The babysitter, a 17-year-old male, was subsequently booked into Salt Lake Valley Detention for child abuse homicide.

Investigators are working with the Utah Division of Child and Family Services regarding the circumstances of this case to determine whether their involvement is required.

This case continues to be actively investigated.